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NOTE VERBALE DATED 17 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993) of 31 March 1993, has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 13 and 15 September 1993, there appear to have been three flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appears to have been one flight on 8 September not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of this flight are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 840.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
(13-15 September 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
				[13 September: no violations reported]	
859	14 Sept.	0806	0816	United Nations Military observers observed an MI-8 with red cross markings landing at Sokolac, 27 kilometres east of Sarajevo. This flight began as a United Nations approved medical evacuation from Pale to Zvornik and return. It became a violation when it landed en route. Also, after landing and being inspected in Zvornik, there were indications it flew to Belgrade and return. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow Low
860	14 Sept.	1122	1149	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross markings 17 kilometres south-east of Zenica. The helicopter soon landed in Zenica and was met by a white bus which appeared to be an ambulance. A small group of people, including several military personnel, gathered around the helicopter. A few minutes later it took off and flew 2 kilometres south where it landed again. A military truck approached. Shortly afterwards, the fighters departed the area for operational reasons. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Slow Low

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
861	15 Sept.	1252	1259	NATO fighters made radar contact with an aircraft flying 15 kilometres south of Zenica. The fighters investigated but did not make visual contact. Radar contact was lost 13 kilometres south of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Unknown 3,000 feet

Annex II

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
(8 September 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
862	8 Sept.	2030	Unknown	United Nations military observers observed a light propeller-driven aircraft circling low over Tuzla airfield. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Unknown Low